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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Koki MATSUBARA et al.

Confirmation No. 9717

Serial No. 10/070,249

GROUP 1626

Filed March 4, 2002

Examiner Sonya N. Wright

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
TRICYCLIC AMINO ALCOHOL DERIVATIVES

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Official Action of January 14,
2003.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction,
applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 9, 13, 18 and 23, drawn to a
compound of formula (1) and processes for preparing the same,
without traverse.

The non-elected claims are retained for the time being
and may of course be made the subject of a divisional application
to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present
application.

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An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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